

Southern Flyer



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Photo by Jeff Melvin

Clinical nurse Maj. Linda Jursa, flanked by medical services technicians Senior Airmen DeAnte Houston, Kenia Humphrey and

Likesha Hayes, provides initial emergency assessment and directs treatment.

MASH revisited – ASTS erects mobile medical facility, sharpens patient care and transport skills

By Maj. Jerry Lobb
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 908th Airlift Wing's Aeromedical Staging Squadron held a five-day exercise designed to train and maintain proficiency of squadron members July 10-14. The exercise was held at "Camp Blue Thunder," a tent city on base designed to simulate austere conditions members may encounter on deployments. To add additional realism and training value for the exercise, a mobile aeromedical staging facility was brought to Maxwell and erected inside the camp.

The mission of the 908th ASTS, according to squadron commander Col. Elizabeth "Betty" Williams, is to provide manpower for a contingency aeromedical staging facility. As a manpower package ASTS has no equipment of its own. For this exercise the unit arranged to borrow a deployment package purchased by Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command and warehoused at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass. These packages were purchased for use in Operational Readiness Inspections and training exercises. Williams said if buildings are available at a deployed location, empty hangars, warehouses or any other suitable building, they would use them. If not they use tents included in the equipment package.

The 908th ASTS held this exercise as part of a home station tour. Members of the unit used this time to complete all of their annual medical readiness training requirements. Items such as chemical warfare, sweep team, facility manager and task qualification training, as well as night operations. Members also practiced other skills such as carrying litters, driving ambulances, humvees and forklifts.

"I really enjoyed getting to spend more time with people in the unit," said Senior Airman Cornelius Henderson, medical services technician. "On UTAs we are so busy, you don't have a lot of time with people in the unit. It was great to spend time with the people you work with and get to

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No supprises from SAV team, press on

By Col. James N. Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

So far I think we've made it through the Staff Assistance Visit in pretty good shape. The Aeromedical Staging Squadron and Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron's inspectors will arrive during the



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb
Col. James N. Stewart

August UTA. I'm confident they will do well. The final report won't be back until sometime in September, but I was pleased for the most part after the 22nd AF's review. I suspected we had a couple areas that needed work, and wasn't surprised by most of the findings.

Of course we'll be working to correct the findings while preparing and deploying people, like this month's Coronet Oak deployments, meeting other AEF taskings, etc.

With a little more than a year until the Unit Compliance

Inspection in November 2003, it would be tempting to procrastinate awhile. However, when you're looking at only have 28 UTA days before the AFRC Inspector General's team arrives, it's not much time. So, stay focused and fix those areas the SAV team identified as weaknesses, while maintaining and polishing the programs they declared to be benchmarks. If you need help, speak up! Call your functional area experts at 22nd Air Force and your counterparts at other units. Benchmark from the best programs in the command.

Overall I'd like to thank everyone for the hard work you put into preparing for the SAV. Although a pain, these inspections serve a purpose. They force us to stop fighting today's fire long enough to make sure we're performing all our core tasks correctly in order to maintain our combat readiness.

Speakers and speaking engagements wanted

Do you have the "gift of gab" and would like an opportunity to practice your public speaking skills? Or, Are you a member of a civic organization looking for a speaker at your meetings? If so...PA has a deal for you.

For those who are willing to speak, please look for an e-mail in your inbox with the subject of Speaker's Bureau and reply to the e-mail with the information requested.

If you are a member of a civic club, or would like someone to come speak at a school in your neighborhood, please either call 3-6804 or e-mail PA with the details. We will provide someone to talk with your group either about the wing's mission, a particular specialty or other related topics.

Ass't secretary lauds wing for hospitality



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON
26 JUN 2002

Colonel James Stewart
908 AW/CC
401 West Maxwell Blvd
Maxwell AFB, AL 36112

Dear Colonel Stewart

My thanks to you and your outstanding men and women for the hospitality and courtesies extended to me during my visit 25 - 29 Apr 02. I appreciate the contributions you are making to the 908th AW.

Your mission is critical and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely

MICHAEL L. DOMINGUEZ
Assistant Secretary
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

Thanks to all for making me feel right at home

By Col. C.W. Fox
908th Airlift Wing vice commander

HOSPITABLE, a word defined by Webster's dictionary to include one meaning described as "offering a pleasant or sustaining environment" and that has truly been what I have experienced from everyone since my arrival here at the 908th. Thanks to all for making me feel right at home.

Recently I've been appointed to serve on the Air Force Association's Reserve Council. The 18-member council's purpose is to gather information of concern from reservists to develop AFA policy recommendations on quality of life, equipment and modernization and military construction issues affecting the command and its people. I will be most "hospitable" with your suggestions to improve the Air Force Reserve and provide support for reservists. If you have an idea you'd like to discuss, feel free to contact me about it via phone, e-mail, or stop by my office. I'll take your ideas forward to the council for discussion which may turn into recommendations for the Air Force Association's legislative efforts.

Closer to home, I will always be glad to listen to your thoughts and suggestions as to how we can improve the operation of the wing.

I'm delighted to be here and look forward to meeting all of you as I visit work areas around the wing.



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Task Force Rock supplies LSS with multiple training opportunities

By Airman 1st Class Nathaniel H. Kelleher, 314th AW Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark. -- Reserve members from Maxwell AFB, Ala., embarked on a mission to Task Force Rock July 14-21 with the focus on training.

Thirty-six reservists from the 908th Airlift Wing joined the 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron and 314th Maintenance Squadron workforces for their annual two-week tour.

"We frequently send our people on contingency operations," said Maj. Nancy R. Kirk, 908th Logistics Group deputy commander and officer in charge during the deployment. "However, this tour is all about training. Normally, we arrive at a base for our two-week annual tour, and we're absorbed into the workforce. This annual tour, our primary focus is skills training as well as augmenting the Task Force Rock workforce."

Master Sgt. Roderick O. Parker, the 908th LG training manager, and Tech. Sgt. Wesley Meyer, the 908th LG NCO in charge of logistics plans and program, developed individualized training plans before they arrived with the help of 314th LRS and MXS members.

"We went through each person's training records, and determined what tasks they needed to complete to attain their next skill level," said Sergeant Parker. "We found, in most cases, many of our trainees still needed to complete quite a few

tasks. What makes this trip very special for us are the numerous training opportunities for our career fields within Task Force Rock's mission."

The 908th is a Reserve tenant unit at Maxwell AFB, with nine C-130s and more than 1,200 members. Sergeant Parker said the operations tempo and number of aircraft here helped significantly with their training goals.



Photo by Senior Airman Matt Kelleher

Vehicle body mechanic Senior Airman Michael Bridges, 908 LSS, Transportation Flight, grinds a piece of metal for a stand he's building.

"Our first night here, the fuel cell maintainers participated in training that might take a year or more to complete at Maxwell," he said.

Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie L. Johnson, the 908th Logistics Support Squadron supply flight

superintendent, said job-specific training is crucial because they need to be effective when they are deployed.

The minimum requirement for reservists is one weekend a month and one two-week tour a year. However, the average non-flying reservist is now doing around 70 days per year. Aircrew members are averaging more than 110 days per year, said Major Kirk.

"The two-week annual tour for reservists is really for immersion training. During our weekend training, we're performing mostly ancillary training such as chemical warfare, rifle range, shots - that kind of stuff," said Major Kirk.

Most of the 36 reservists are working in the 314th LRS. A secondary goal of the tour was to see how Task Force Rock made the transition to LRS - a transition Task Force Rock spearheaded in Air Education and Training Command.

"One of our goals was to come out here and get a feel for how the transition takes place," said Chief Johnson. "You have a lot of sharp people here, and we're absorbing ideas and learning from them."

Some of the reservists said the teamwork and warrior spirit here were a pleasure to be a part of.

"Task Force Rock - It's kind of like AETC with a combat attitude," said Major Kirk. "You can feel the combat spirit here, and you can feel the spirit of excellence. It's hard to describe, but there is a real feeling on this base of team spirit and combat orientation."

Total Force key in war on terrorism

**By Tech. Sgt. Tim Dougherty
Air Force Print News**

WASHINGTON -- Ask Air Force Secretary Dr. James G. Roche what impresses him about Air Force contributions in the war on terror, and he might mention high-tech weapons put to use against the Taliban, or he might tell you a story about combat controllers on horseback helping guide 2,000-pound bombs into al-Qaida bunkers.

But, the Air Force's ability to use all of the components -- Guard, Reserve and active forces - - in the total force concept has been paramount to the success of the operation, Roche said July 10 in an interview taped for the July 22 and Aug. 5 editions of Air Force Television News.

"I think if there's ever an opportunity to prove the total force concept of the Air Force, this was it," Roche said. "It was terrific to see the Guard, Reserve and active forces step up like they did in both operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom."

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper said in the same interview that both he and the secretary realize that the Air Force could not do what it does without the Guard and Reserve.

"They're absolutely critical to everything we do," Jumper said. He said he is sometimes criticized if he doesn't mention the Guard or Reserve in speeches he gives around the world. Jumper explained, "I feel like I don't have to. I assume it in every aspect of the mission and every mission of the Air Force."

The two leaders also recognize the sacrifices made by employers who have to fill voids caused when employees are asked to put on their uniforms.

"We brought a lot of people on active duty with the blessings of their bosses," Jumper said. "We can't take advantage of that. So we're working very hard in making sure that we get the people back to their employers and get them back home again, and try to get life back to normal for those people as quickly as we can."

Upcoming changes make TSP more user friendly

**By Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON -- Upcoming improvements to the Thrift Savings Plan for both military and federal civilian employees will make the program easier to use.

Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, an Army lawyer who directs the Armed Forces Tax Council in the Pentagon, said the most significant change will be that accounts will become daily valued, instead of the current monthly valued. All transactions will be updated daily, he said.

Other changes include better online access to accounts and participant statements expressed in shares and dollars, instead of just dollars as the current statements are.

Reservists can find more information on the TSP Web site, <http://www.tsp.gov>, or at the Air Force Personnel Center TSP site at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm



Photo by Jeff Melvin
Medical services technician Senior Airman Crystal Mitchell checks Senior Airman Brandi Hardin's pulse during the 908th ASTS' exercise at Camp Blue Thunder.

ASTS sharpens patient



Photo by Senior Airman Kimberly Holden
MedTechs prepare a simulated patient for treatment.



Photo by Jeff Melvin
Clinical nurse Maj. Gwendolyn Hill assists flight surgeon Lt. Col. (Dr.) Hari Kapur with triage.



Photo by Jeff Melvin
Maj. (Dr.) Timothy Ricketts, and 1st Lt. Arnold Maddox, clinical nurse, perform initial patient assessment and emergency stabilization of a simulated critically injured burn victim.

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know them better. Although it was hot and dirty out at Blue Thunder, I liked it. It gave me a real sense of being in the field and doing all the real things you might have to do in a wartime situation like donning the mask."

One of the major events was a mass casualty exercise Saturday afternoon. The scenario was a simulated helicopter crash inside the camp at a deployed location. People were injured both in the helicopter and on the ground.

Members of the unit acting as patients were moulaged to simulate various injuries. Medical teams

responded to the "accident" accessing the nature of the injuries, providing first aid, and prioritizing the movement of patients to a medical facility based on their conditions.

Henderson said he learned a lot during the mass casualty exercise. "I was on the ambulatory team (for patients able to walk). First Lt. Donald Bowman taught me a lot. We got a lot of patients real fast. He showed me how to chart the information quickly. He also taught me how to handle psychiatric patients, how to pat them down, attempt to alleviate their fears and protect them from harm."

Everyone seemed to be happy to

participate and were pleased with the training they received," said Maj. Deborah Lytal-Britton, a clinical nurse and one of the planners for the event. "After 16 hours the group was still upbeat and ready to go, considering the heat and mud, I think that says a lot about the people in our unit."

Chief nurse Lt. Col. Carol Anders, troop commander for the home station annual tour, attributed the event's successful outcome to hard work and dedication of unit members. She offered particular praise for Lytal-Britton; Capt. Kirsten James, deployment officer; Maj. Charles Stresino, associate administrator, and "the person most responsible for acquiring the equipment package and vehicles;" Maj. Donna Roberts, ancillary training officer; Senior Master Sgt. Doug Eads, assistant superintendent of nursing; and Tech. Sgt. Teresa Stone, NCOIC of medical supply, who Anders said "proved invaluable."

Williams said that due to the positive response from members of the unit, people on base may see the 908th ASTS training at Blue Thunder often in the future.

Below, ASTS members load a 'patient' on board one of the unit C130s. For realistic training, ASTS joined forces with the 357th Airlift Squadron and the 908th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron to conduct a local area medevac training flight.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Above, ASTS members carry a 'patient' from a contingency aeromedical staging facility erected inside Camp Blue Thunder. Below, clinical nurse Maj. Marietta Johnson exits ambulance on flightline during patient offload.



Photo by Jeff Melvin



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Wing hosts blood drive

The 908th is sponsoring a blood drive Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the ballroom at the Maxwell Community Center.

"This blood drive will begin the 'Nine-Eleven Week of Remembrance' in memory of that fateful day, Sept. 11, 2001. Because of this tie in, I hope this blood drive will be one of the most successful drives we have ever had. In an effort to increase the number of donors, the Red Cross will give each donor a commemorative T-Shirt and lapel pin. In addition, Colonel Stewart has approved one hour off for each donor, said one of the event's organizers," Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Voyles, 908 MXS First Sergeant.

Appointments are available, but not necessary, Voyles said, adding "Walk-ins will be welcome." Those desiring a scheduled appointment should contact their first sergeant.

"Please look for the literature during the August UTA and let your first sergeant know if you wish to be a donor. By obtaining names we can supply the Red Cross with a "best estimate" of expected donors and they can be staffed accordingly, which will decrease our wait time," Voyles continued.

She added that people who have traveled outside the CONUS should not assume they're ineligible to donate. "Each first sergeant will have an information sheet outlining the criteria for accepting blood donations from foreign travelers. Please take time to check the information sheet."

She voiced a last item of concern, "This blood drive is being hosted by the American Red Cross which means the blood donated will be used anywhere in the United States it may be needed. The need is great at this time. The blood supply is depleted during holidays and summer vacations, more than any other time. Memorial Day and July 4th are close together and combined with summer vacations, the blood supply is now critical. We must remember we have 908th members deployed in several locations across the United States and as a reserve unit, our members are not limited to the local area. Please reach out to Americans all over, which is what comes natural to us as military members."



Photos by Jeff Melvin

Tech. Sgt. William Rule examines paperwork at the 908th's Maxwell AFB recruiting office.



Recruiter rules duathlons

**By Jeff Melvin
908th AW Public Affairs**

908th Airlift Wing Recruiter Tech. Sgt. William Rule is on an incredible ride, not only has he helped the wing's strength soar to a command best 115 percent, but he's made a startling climb from novice duathlete to a competitor in the Duathlon Long Distance World Championships in Weyer, Austria, Aug. 17-18.

Never heard of a duathlon or a duathlete, well you're not alone. It's a fast-growing sport that's still dominated in fan recognition and support by its older, more familiar sister sport, the triathlon. The triathlon consists of three events: running, bicycle riding, and swimming. Its competitors are called triathletes.

The duathlon is three events, too: run, bike, run. Its practitioners are called duathletes. Competitors in the long distance events at the worlds will run 14 kilometers, bike 78 kilometers and then run an additional 7 kilometers – in succession. "There aren't any breaks," said Rule, a 908er since April 1999 and a recruiter since March 2000. The

International Triathletes Union will sponsor the events.

Rule, who works out of the wing's Birmingham satellite recruiting office, ran track and cross country in college. Looking for a new challenge, he switched to the duathlon less than a year ago. In that relatively short span he's progressed to the upper ranks of his sport, estimating his ranking as among the top 4 in the South and the top 15 in the nation and earning a spot on Team USA. He attributes his rapid ascent to his strong running background and "developing saddle sores" from his extensive riding.

"I put myself in the right situation to train, especially by riding with better cyclists," he said.

Another contributing factor is the solid support he gets from his wife, Paula, whom he credits with providing a firm foundation. Paula, he said, "not only monitors his physical training but looks after his mental well-being as well. She knows when I've been working too hard and need a break." He acknowledges that because of the demands of preparing for competition, "she doesn't always get the attention she deserves."

Above, William Rule, shows off his bike which features the Air Force Reserve Recruiting web site address prominently on the spokes of the wheels. Right, Rule takes a training run near the Maxwell AFB golf course during last month's unit training assembly.

Rule's strategy for the world championships is simple, he'll race against the course not the individuals.

Ultimately, he wants to be in the top 10, but "a race that I know I gave my best will be a good race," he said.

While he wants to do well, his primary aim, he said, is to "represent The United States, The U.S. Air Force Reserve and myself in the best light possible."



August UTA Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, August 9, 2002			
1630	1900	Commanders’ Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC
Saturday, August 10, 2002			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers’ Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0800	0900	Lab Work/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0800	0830	Newcomers’ Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0830	1200	NBC Defense Training (Refresher)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
0820	1500	Physicals (Phase I & II)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1030	Shots (All shots)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Fm. 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1200	Newcomers’ MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0900	1000	Self-Inspection Monitor Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
0930	1030	Unit Education & Training Managers' Mtg (UETM)	Bldg. 1056/Cmd Chief's Conf Rm
1000	1100	Unit Disaster Preparedness Reps Meeting	Bldg. 1055
1000	1100	Unit Deployment Managers' (UDM) Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course/Snack Bar
1200	1500	Units At Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
1230	1530	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (R)	Bldg. 1062/Classroom/CEX
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (must have DD Fm. 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1400	TBD	Unit Security Manager's Mtg	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf Rm
1500	1630	Gas Mask Issue	Bldg. 848/Center Bay
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, August 11, 2002			
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0730	1130	NBC Defense Training (I)	Bldg. 1062/Clstrm/CEX
0800	1100	Units At Range M-9 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0815	0900	3S0X1 Training (All units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf.Rm
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25 APS (various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1130	Units At Range M-16 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms0830
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1100	1200	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1230	1400	PreDeployment Processing/Briefing	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section
1230	TBD	Units At Range M-16 (Firing)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1400	1500	HRDC Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Wing Conf. Room
1400	1500	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule

Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/36722
		1200-1600	
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/35714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/36020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/37505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/34283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/34283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/34283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/35127
		1100-1300	
		1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations	(lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)		Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

Remaining FY 02 UTA Date -- Sept. 7-8

FY 03 UTA Dates

Oct. 5-6; Nov. 2-3; Dec. 7-8; Jan. 11-12, 03; Feb. 8-9, 03; March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03; May 3-4, 03; June 7-8, 03; Jul 12-13, 03; Aug. 9-10, 03; Sept. 6-7, 03

August UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
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Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the August UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1815 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local
Depart Dobbins at 1815 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local
Depart Huntsville at 1815 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people.

Promotions

... to Senior Master Sgt.

Tony K. Bowden, CES

... to Master Sgt.

Owen T. Duke, Sr., SFS

Woodard Johnson III, ASTS

Robert A. Lawrence, 25 APS

Tracy O. Williams, ASTS

... to Tech. Sgt.

Teresa A. Cash, ASTS

Lisa K. Garrett, 357 AS

Daisy A. Jones, CES

Don A. Meyer, 25 APS

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Stephanie R. Rudolph, SG

John P. Thompson, SFS

Woodrow Washington III, CES

... to Staff Sgt.

Kendra J. Jenkins, LSS

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Quadro T. Smith, 357 AS

Eric D. Townsend, SFS

... to Sergeant

Sherri D. Denson, ASTS

... to Senior Airman

Marissa D. Allen, 357 AS

William W. Davis, ASTS

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Shermikia D. Kendrick, MSS

... to Airman

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Retirements

Lt. Col. Nancy S. Benefield, ASTS

Master Sgt. Neil G. Fievet, MSS

Master Sgt. Robert T. Fisher, MXS

Master Sgt. Sandra J. Higham, ASTS

Tech. Sgt. Cheryl L. Carmouche, LSS

Tech. Sgt. Diann E. Marshall, LSS

Tech. Sgt. Frank D. Sutley, 25 APS

New senior recruiter

The 908th has a new senior recruiter. Senior Master Sgt. Lane Whitlow, replaces Senior Master Sgt. Vic Bradford, who heads to Ramstein AB, Germany. Whitlow

comes to the 908th from Robins AFB, Ga., where he was a member of the Headquarters AFRC Recruiting staff.

908er earns recognition while deployed

A 25th APS member, Master Sgt. Steven G. Muller, was named Senior NCO of the Quarter for the 8th Expeditionary Air Mobility Squadron based on his accomplishments during a 30-day deployment to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, June 2 to July 1.

Muller, who served as the aircraft services shift supervisor during his deployment, "arrived at Prince Sultan Air Base with knowledge and a work ethic that created an environment for success. He led by example in all activities and was always working on the right things. He demonstrated he possessed a proactive attitude and ensured that even if the plan went astray, he was able to meet mission requirements and make the situation appear seamless to the aircraft services customers," wrote his deployment supervisor in a letter nominating him for the award.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

357th AS head

Lt. Col. Norman Hand, speaks to the audience following his assumption of command of the 357th Airlift Squadron July 14. Ham comes to the 908th from 22nd Air Force, Dobbins ARB, Ga., where he was chief of flight safety and a C130H aircraft commander. He replaces Lt. Col. Michael "UK" Underkofler now commander, 403rd Operations Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.

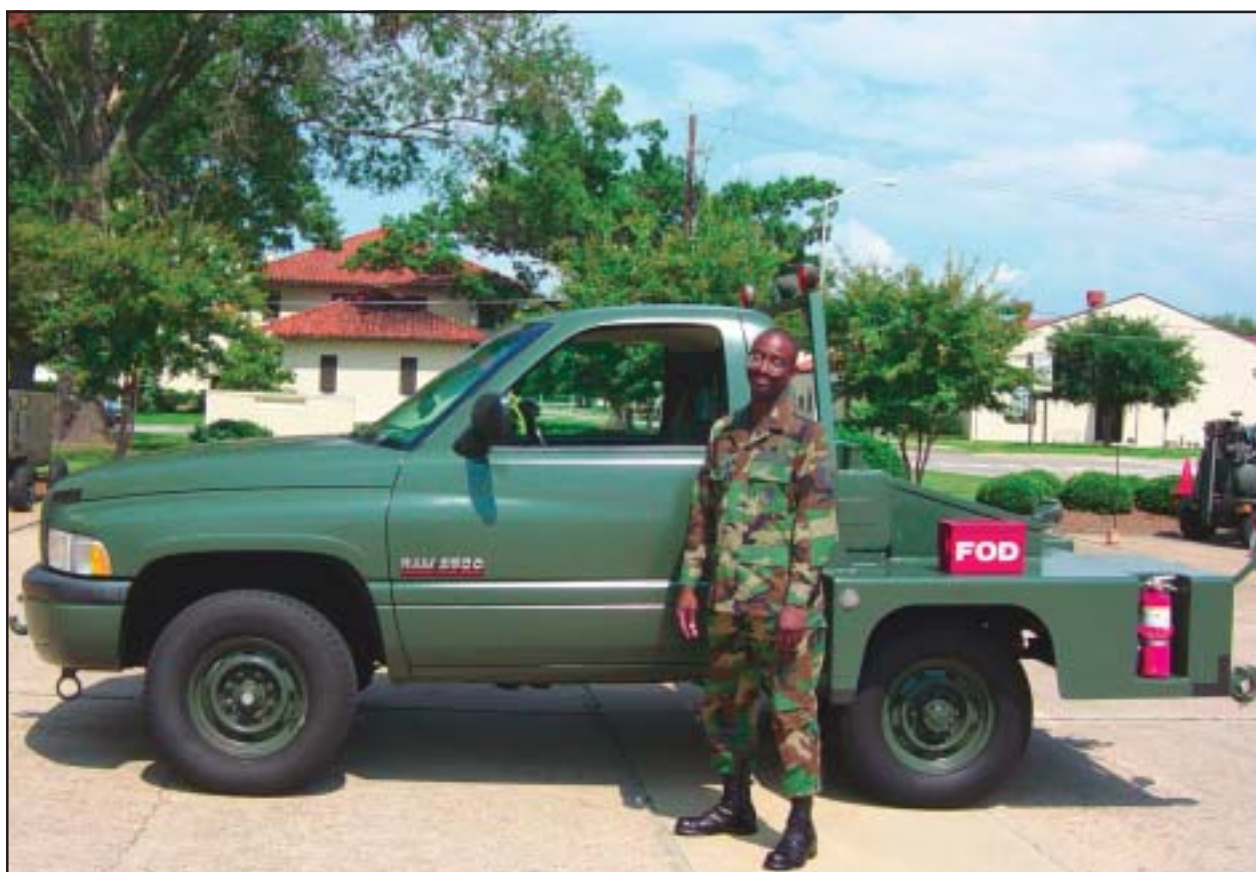


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Top Wheels winner

Aerospace ground equipment shop supervisor Master Sgt. Archie Green, 908 MXS, poses in front of the 1996 Dodge Ram 2500 tow vehicle whose upkeep, appearance and usage earned him the Maxwell AFB Top Wheel Award for

July 2002. As vehicle control officer Green is primarily responsible for the tow vehicle's sharp appearance and prime working condition.

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